

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Kindly replace drawing sheets 1-42 (Figures 1-9n), with the Replacement Sheets 1-48 (Figures 1-9n) submitted with this Amendment A and Response.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-47 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In an Official Action dated January 19, 2005, claims 13-29 were allowed, claims 4, 6, 8, 15, 18, 22, 31, 32, 38, 43 and 46 were objected to, and claims 1-12 and 30-47 were rejected.

Applicant thanks Examiner for examination of the claims pending in this application and addresses Examiner's comments below.

Claims 1-12 and 30-47 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 29 is amended. No other claims are amended or canceled. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to expedite the prosecution of the application in a manner consistent with the Patent Office Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (Sept. 8, 2000). In making these amendments, Applicant has not and does not narrow the scope of the protection to which Applicant considers the claimed invention to be entitled and does not concede that the subject matter of such claims was in fact disclosed or taught by the cited prior art. Rather, Applicant reserves the right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

### **Objection to Specification**

Applicant amends paragraphs [0015], [0077], [0089], [0107], [0109] [0114], [0115], [0120], [0131] and [0147] to appropriately note trademarked names. Applicant respectfully

submits that no new matter is submitted and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

### **Objection to the Drawings**

The Examiner has objected to Figures 1-9n, stating that they are unclear and contain extraneous shading. Applicant submits with this Amendment A and Response replacements sheets 1-48 corresponding to Figures 1-9n, which are believed to now obviate the basis for this rejection. Entry is respectfully requested.

In addition, Examiner notes that “the strap is integrated into an article of closing,” in claims 12 and 29, must be shown in a drawing. Claim 12 is canceled herein without prejudice. Claim 29 is amended herein to recite “configured for integration with an article of clothing.” These changes to the claims are believed to obviate the basis for the objection.

### **Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 102(b)**

In the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph on Page 3 of the Office Action, Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-12 and 30-45 under 35 USC § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,320,863 to Lyer et al. (“Lyer”). In view of the claims canceled herein, this rejection is now obviated.

### **Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a) in View of Lyer**

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on Page 7 of the Office Action, Examiner rejects claims 4, 46 and 47 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable in view of Lyer. In view of these claims being canceled without prejudice, the basis of this rejection is now obviated.

In sum, Applicant respectfully submits that allowed claims 13-29 and the appropriate correction to the specification and drawings now place this application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully invites Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the number provided below if Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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